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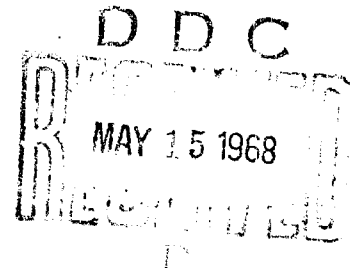
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THRU: Command Channels

TO: Commanding General
US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
ATTN: J3
APO U.S. Forces 96243

1. (U) Name of Operation: SANTA FE Phases I,II,III (1st Bde, 9th Inf Div).
2. (U) Dates of Operation: 030600 Nov 1967 to 051525 Jan 1968.
3. (C) Location: East of Xuan Loc, South of Hwy 1, North of Ham Tan in the MAY TAO SECRET Zone, South of EW grid line 06, North of EW grid line 67, East of NS grid line 67 and West of NS grid line 19. Reference: Map Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6430 III,IV, 6530 I,II,III, and IV.
4. (C) General: During the period 3 Nov 1967 to 5 Jan 1968, Opn SANTA FE was conducted by the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. The First Brigade conducted Opn SANTA FE, in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div, cleared trails to provide ready access to and aerial surveillance of the Brigade AO and to upgrade Hwy #1. The 2-47 (M) Inf, 4-39 Inf, 3-5 Cav were units under 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div control. Also operating in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde was the 18th Division (ARVN) and TF BINH TUY (ARVN).
5. Reporting Officer:
 - a. 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div - Colonel HARRY O. WILLIAMS
 - b. Subordinate maneuver and combat support unit commander:
 - (1) 4-39 Inf Bn - LTC DANIEL BALDWIN
 - (2) 2-47 (M) Inf Bn - LTC ARTHUR MORELAND
 - (3) 3-5 Cav Sqdn - LTC HOWARD FULLER
 - (4) 1-11 Arty Bn - LTC J.J. SULLIVAN 3 Nov-25 Dec
- LTC DONALD W. FARMER 26 Dec-5 Jan
6. TASK ORGANIZATION:
4-39 Inf 2-47 (M) Inf 3-5 Cav TF PLOWS 15 Engr Bn (+) Co A, 86 Engrs

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18th ARVN DIV BDE CONTROL

43rd ARVN Regt. HHC 1st Bde

TF BINH TUY C/709 MAINT

L&T MP 9th MP (DS)

Fwd Sig Commo Plat/9th Signal Bn

B Co 9th MED Bn

A Co 15th Engr (DS)

335 BRU

7. SUPPORTING FORCES

a. Artillery

(1) The following Direct Support/General Support Reinforcing units supported Brigade Operations from Fire Support Bases within the Brigade TAOR.

(a) 1st Bn, 11th Arty (-).

1 B Btry, 1-11 Arty (105T).

2 C Btry, 1-11 Arty (105T).

(b) 2d HOW Btry, 11th ACR (155SP) 2 Nov 67 - 29 Nov 67.

(c) B Btry, 7th Bn, 9th Arty (105T) 30 Nov 67 - 30 Dec 67.

(d) B Btry, 2d Bn, 35th Arty (105T) 1 Dec 67 - 30 Dec 67.

(e) 1st Plt, (-), C Btry, 5th Bn (AW) 2d Arty (40mm, Dusters)

(2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 83d Arty (175mm/8") was located adjacent to the Brigade AO and fired on call missions during the operation.

(3) Rounds Expended.

(a) Observed (Except Preps):

1 High Explosive: 9,270.

2 White Phosphorous: 1,410.

3 Smoke: 55.

4 Illumination: 67.

5 Beehive (Demonstration): 12.

(b) Unobserved, (H&I's):

1 High Explosive: 20,798.

2 Illumination: 23

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(c) Unobserved Targets:

1 High Explosive: 1,651.

2 White Phosphorus: 37.

(d) Unobserved Preparations; High Explosive: 284.

(4) Artillery ammunition expenditures by type.

(a) High Explosive: 32,003.

(b) White Phosphorus: 1,455.

(c) Illumination: 90.

(d) Smoke: 55

(e) Beehive: 12.

(5) Total rounds expended; 33,615.

b. Army Aviation

(1) Organic Aviation:	Sorties	1610
	Hours	557
	Passengers	2207
	Cargo	4 (+ons)

(2) Non-organic Aviation:

(a) One UH-1D was used daily for Command and Control.

(b) Three Airmobile Assaults were conducted using 152 sorties of UH1D's to transport 1360 personnel.

(c) Two airmobile movements were conducted using 18 sorties of CH47's to transport 422 personnel and 8 tons of equipment.

c. Close Air Support

(1) Both preplanned and immediate air strikes were employed as follows:

(a) Preplanned

1 Strikes requested 90

2 Strikes approved 56

3 Strikes diverted 8

4 Strikes diverted to 5
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5 Total Strikes 61

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6 Type of Aircraft used:

<u>a</u>	F100	103
<u>b</u>	A37	11
<u>c</u>	F4C	12
<u>d</u>	B57	18

7 Ordnance

<u>a</u>	250 GP	4
<u>b</u>	500 lb	190
<u>c</u>	750 lb	342
<u>d</u>	750 NAP	107
<u>e</u>	Rockets	16
<u>f</u>	20mm	25/20
<u>g</u>	CBU	6

8 Targets Hit

<u>a</u>	Suspected Observation Points	5
<u>b</u>	Suspected VC Concentration Areas	2
<u>c</u>	Suspected Base Camps	11
<u>d</u>	Prestrikes	26
<u>e</u>	Interdiction target	1
<u>f</u>	Tunnel	1
<u>g</u>	Suspected VC positions	4
<u>h</u>	Suspected VC Headquarters	6
<u>i</u>	Suspected VC Activity	11

(b) Immediate

<u>1</u>	No requested	1
<u>2</u>	No approved	1
<u>3</u>	Strikes diverted	0
<u>4</u>	No/type aircraft:	2 F100's

(2) Total number of airstrikes flown, including both immediate and preplanned: 62

d. Engineers: Included in the initial mission assigned to the 1st Brigade on Operation SANTA FE was the requirement to clear and upgrade Highway #1 on order. This was an operation of considerable magnitude and required the establishment of a forward CP at FS/PB WILDCAT by the 15th Engineer Battalion to control their organic Co's A and B; Co A, 86 Engr

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Bn with land clearing team; 617 Engineer Co (Panel Bridge), and the Engineer Battalion, 18th Division (ARVN). The collective accomplishments of these units are listed below:

ENGINEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Phase I & II (3-30 Nov)	Phase III (1-30 Dec)	Total (3 Nov-30 Dec)
(1) Base Camp Constructed	4	1	5
(2) Cubic Meters Rock Placed (Road Work)	2322	NEG	2322
(3) Cubic Meters Laterite Placed (Road Work)	8937	NEG	8937
(4) Meters Culvert Placed	112	80	192
(5) Kms Road Improved	46	50	96
(6) Feet New Bailey Bridge Placed	0	810	810
(7) Feet Bailey Bridge Repaired	0	470	470
(8) Expedient Bridges Repaired	2	2	4
(9) Acres Jungle Cleared	2332	6566	8898
(10) Heliports Constructed	1	0	1
(11) RF/PF Outposts Cleared and Constructed or Presently Under Construction	0	15	15
(12) Potable Water Produced			317,140 Gal.

Of significance is the fact that the normal direct combat engineer support to the maneuver elements, in the form of demo work, LZ clearing, water supply, expedient bridging and fire support construction, continued without interruption.

8. INTELLIGENCE:

a. Pre & Operational Intelligence Information.

(1) Friendly operations in the area of interest can expect to encounter Hqs 5th VC Div with its administrative and combat support units located vic YS7793. Support elements include a hospital complex (T1500) and the 50th Trng Bn believed located vic YS7490. According to a rallie, HO VAN VANG, the 2d Bn 274th VC Regt is in the Cam My Jungle. However, the 11th ACB operations in that area may have forced them to move probable location along the Song Rai vic YS6393. The 84th Rear Services Group and possibly two companies of 0445 Ba Bien Bn are reported north of Thua Tich and along the Song Rai vic YS6084. The 1st Bn 275th VC Regt could be providing security for Hqs 5th VC Div, off in Long Thanh Province north of Gia Ray. Other reports indicate a RM IV main force battalion from Binh Thuan Province in the vic YS8885, replacing a 5th Div battalion that is on a special mission.

(2) Elements of the 274th VC Regt located in the HAT DICH 0445 Ba Bien Bn and elements of the 275th Regt located in Long Khanh could reinforce.

(3) The probable course of action will be avoid friendly operations, to divert and disorganize friendly forces utilizing mines and booby traps and harassing fires, and to remain fairly close while waiting for targets of opportunity to attack or ambush. If forced to withdraw, the enemy will withdraw to the east or northeast.

b. Significant Events:

(1) 031607 B/4-39th Inf vic YS809951 found VC Base Camp consisting of 12 spider holes. Camp was very old and not destroyed.

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- (2) 031638 ARP/3-5 Cav vic YS913947 found several old trails. Area checked with neg results. Extracted 031727H.
- (3) 031710 B/4-39th Inf vic YS874946 found well used trails and fresh tracks. Tracks were approx 1 hr. old. Area searched with neg results.
- (4) 050815 E/4-39th Inf vic YS781912 exchanged SA fire w/2 VC; in pursuit spotted 4-6 more and VC evaded friendly units. VC fled south. Neg US cas and VC cas unk.
- (5) 051112 B/4-39th Inf vic YS787916 rec'd 20 rds SA from est 4 VC. Fire was returned. Neg US cas and enemy cas unk.
- (6) 060730 B/4-39th Inf vic YS778897 engaged 1 VC w/SA.
- (7) 060832 1st Bde C&C ship vic YS777866 observed 3 VC dressed in khaki uniforms. FAC reconed the area with neg results.
- (8) 071721 A/4-39th Inf vic YS777895 found VC base camp consisting of 6 bunkers (8'x5'x5'). Also destroyed 37 chicom grenades, and evac 5 lbs documents, 1 can unidentified medical supplies.
- (9) Delayed entry 0713 6 B/4-39th Inf vic YS813865 found 1 tunnel (12' deep). A search of the area 080900 Nov 67 resulted in finding 1 sq size VC base camp consisting of 3 bunkers w/ohc, also 2 forked poses in the ground (suspected AA support). Tunnel and bunkers destroyed.
- (10) 080830 A/4-39th Inf vic YS780882 destroyed 3 huts and 4 bunkers w/ohc. Also in the area found well used trail. Area checked w/neg results.
- (11) 080930 A/4-39th Inf vic YS778864 destroyed 16 huts, 16 bunkers w/ohc, and 1 rd AK-47 ammo. A search of the area revealed an old map of area and 3 well used trail. Area checked w/neg results. Map evac.
- (12) 081342 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS767920 dest 11 huts, 11 bunkers, misc clothing and evac 2 documents. Bunkers were old but appeared to have been recently used.
- (13) 111105 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS800920 destroyed bunkers, 3 huts, misc cooking utensils, and misc BA 30's.
- (14) 111400 A/4-39th Inf vic YS781878 destroyed 5 bunkers (3'x3'x4') 3 bunkers (8'x8'x4') w/ohc, 5 huts, 20 rds M-1 ammo, assorted clothing, 1 table and evac 1 lb documents and 1x1 DH 5 lb claymore w/wire, 1 ear phone set CIC dated 26 May 1959, 1 long line antenna.
- (15) 121417 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS770938 destroyed VC base camp consisting of 3 huts and 2 bunkers w/ohc; also vic YS770937 additional 9 huts and 8 bunkers. Evac 1 poncho, 1 gas mask, 1 piece of web gear and misc pots, 2 misc documents. Documents include a personnel roster of ammunition and type weapon issued to each individual, 9x S'S type 56 and 4 AK-47 assault rifles.
- (16) 131230 A/4-39th Inf vic YS766885, destroyed 8 bunkers (3'x4'x3'), 5 huts (10'x8'x5') and 2 latrines. Also evacuated 100 lbs rice, 25 lbs of beans, 1 gal bean oil (US), 2000' field wire, 2 RP rocket rds, 2 Yugoslavian TM 50 telephones.
- (17) 131425 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS771925 located 10 bunkers (8x4x3) w/ohc, 3 huts.
- (18) 151145 1st C&C ship rept large VC base camp complex vic approx location YT74

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(19) 161245 C/4-39th Inf vic YS781782 found VC base camp containing 13 bunkers and 3 huts. Engaged 3 VC with neg results. Also found 2 chicom claymores, 4 hand grenades, 300 rds AK-47 and 7.62 ammo, 1 large grenade, 50 lbs of rice, misc amount medical supplies, and unk amount of documents. The documents were extracted and the remainder left intact and an ambush patrol was established. Follow-up: destroyed bunkers and huts and evacuated the remainder 17 Nov.

(20) 171000 B/4-39th Inf vic YS774844, found VC base camp consisting of 30 bunkers 2 to 3 weeks old, 1 classroom for approx 80 people, 5 cooking huts and misc clothing. Also found 20 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs of documents, 1 map, and 1 training manual, 1 home made hand grenade, 50 rds of 50 cal armor piercing ammo, 1 box for 81mm mortar sight. The bunkers, huts classroom and clothing were destroyed and the remainder evacuated.

(21) 180830 B/4-39th Inf vic YS771847, located base camp consisting of 12 bunkers (10'x10') w/o hc and 1 classroom for approx 75 people, also destroyed 2 rds 75mm RR, 2 chicom claymores and 26 GBU&s. Bunkers and classroom were not destroyed due to mission.

(22) 201055 B/4-39th Inf vic YS735895 found 15 graves approx 3 days old. Graves contained 7 VC KIA (BC) by arty and 8 VC KIA (BC) by SA fire.

(23) 221105 A/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS803418, destroyed 8 huts, 20 bunkers, 1 tunnel and evacuated small amount medical supplies and 3 documents. In searching area found base camp vic YS811920, consisting of 20 bunkers and 7 huts.

(24) 241455 B/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS784757, destroyed VC base camp consisting of 4 bunkers w/o hc. Searched area w/neg results.

(25) 271205 B/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS810738, destroyed a VC base camp consisting of 20 bunkers, 9 huts. Camp was approx 2-3 weeks old.

(26) 290010 1st Bde S-4 rpt Xuan Loc rec'd 45 rds S1/82mm mortar and SA & AW fire. Fire came from NW, appeared to be trying for a ammunition dump. Mortar ceased at 0124H; neg friendly cas, there were 5 2 1/2 ton lightly damaged.

(27) 051640 43rd ARVN rpt fresh trenches in vic YS2193; YS2195; YS234933; and 5 rectangular trenches (3x6) vic YS220953; and 30 trenches near Hwy 340 vic YS220953.

(28) 121325 LNO TF NGOC vic 085976 fd rice cache containing 660 lbs of rice. Rice was destroyed.

(29) 151150 A/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS053983 destroyed 2 small punji pits, 2 huts, 150 lbs rice, grinding machine, 20 lbs rice evac.

(30) 160955 LNO TF BINH TUY rpt I&R plt vic 25 078978 rec'd SA/AW fire from plt size unit. VC broke contact at 1005H and fled SW; VC wearing blk PJ's and khaki uniforms w/shoulder harnesses. Results: 2 friendly WIA's, 6 VC KIA and 1 Chicom grenade captured; no unit ID on bodies.

(31) 281135 A/2-47 (M) Inf vic 25 101992, dest 3 bunkers (10x4x5) 3 huts and evac 2 anti-personnel mines

(32) Delayed entry 280830 512 RF co Plt and 41e of the 7th and 3d plt vic YS972884 were ambushed by est 2 VC sqd; broke contact at 0835H and moved NW. VC cas unk, friendly cas 2 WIA.

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(33) 301000 LNO TF Binh Tuy rpt to LNO 1-11 Arty that ARVN sighted approx 500 VC YS9490. PRU conducted VR and searched area without results.

(34) 301200 LNO TF Binh Tuy rpt to 1-11th Arty that approx 500 VC loc vic YS895925. Arty fired into area. Army conducted VR and rec'd SA fire vic YS914911, neg hits; aircrafts continued mission. Air strike was placed vic YS914911.

c. Weather: During the operation, weather had no significant impact on military operations. Approximately 36 hours of rain temporarily; delayed the trail clearing operation south of the May Tao Mountain area.

d. Conclusions: The results of the operation did not substantiate previous intelligence information regarding the 5th VC Division. There was insignificant sporadic contact during phase I. The lack of bcoby traps along trails and base camp areas indicated the VC attached little importance to the area. Equipment and documents captured and evacuated were deteriorated. From all indications, the base camps were vacated before Operation SANTA FE was initiated.

9. MISSION: The 1st Bde attacks H-Hour D-Day to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in zone in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE; clear and upgrades Hwy 1 on order.

10. Concept of Operation:

a. During the period 3 November 1967 to 5 January 1968 the 1st Bde conducted strike opns in the SANTA FE area with forces ranging from one Mech Inf Bn to one Mech Inf Bn, one Cav Sqdn, and an ARVN TF consisting of 2 ARVN Ranger Bn's to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE. To provide security for the 15th and 86th Engrs building bridges and clearing jungle along Hwy 1 to open that route and clearing trails along Rte 331 and Rte 23 to provide ready access to the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE and the village of HAM TAM and TAM TAN.

b. Maneuver:

(1) Phase I: from 3 Nov 1967 to 13 Nov 1967. The 1st Bde conducted AML assault and ground assault into the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div.

(2) Phase II: from 13 Nov 1967 to 1 Dec 1967. Conducted opns south of Hwy 1 along Rte 331 to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div and to clear trails in area to provide ready access to the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE.

(3) Phase III: from 1 Dec 1967 to 5 Jan 1968. Conducted assault, both AML and ground, to seize and secure the bridge sites along Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to the Corp boundary. To build and repair bridges along Hwy 1 to open Hwy 1 to the Corp boundary.

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11. EXECUTION:

3 Nov: The FIRST AND FOREMOST commenced Opn SANTA FE to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and to provide security for Engrs clearing jungle along Hwy 1 on order. Conducted Bn (-) AML aslt and moved overland with one Bn to seize and secure Obj 1 and establish and secure FS/PB WILDCAT vic YS817967. Attached on order to seize Obj 2. The 4-39 Inf conducted Bn (-) AML aslt from Long Thanh airstrip commencing 0825H and landed on LZ 1 vic YS817967 and seized obj 1. Upon link-up with 2-47 (M) Inf at FS/PB WILDCAT, attacked to the south in zone to seize Obj 2 vic YS792938 without contact. 2-47 (M) Inf provided security for the First Brigade elements from Bearcat to FS/PB WILDCAT and dropped off the First Brigade Trains at Xuan Loc without contact. D Troop 3-5 Cav provided LPT support during the move and screened to the northeast in zone. The Aero Rifle Platoon was inserted vic YS917947 and searched that area without contact.

4 Nov: The FIRST AND FOREMOST continued Opn SANTA FE with 2 Bn's and an Air Cav Troop to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and to provide security for Engrs clearing jungle and opening Hwy 1 on order. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D opns in zone and conducted cloverleaf patrols from Obj 2 vic 7993 to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. During the hours of darkness the Bn conducted ambush patrols in zone to interdict trails and avenues of withdrawal in that area without contact. The Bn assumed OPCON B Company 2-47 (M) Inf effective 041030H. A Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 and conducted ambush patrols in that area without contact. B Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 and conducted ambush patrols in that area without contact. C Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7893 and secured the Bn CP. E Company conducted S&D vic YS7891 and established ambushes in that area to interdict trails and routes of withdrawal without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf became OPCON 4-39 Inf 041030H and secured the Rome plow cutting a trail from YS815963 to YS788934 to be used as an LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns in zone and conducted screening opns on Hwy 1 in sector to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. The Bn also interdicted likely avenues of withdrawal in zone. The 2-47 (M) Inf provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and the Bde CP vic YS817967 and released B Company OPCON 4-39 Inf 041030H. A Company conducted local S&D in zone vic YS8198 and conducted ambush patrols along Hwy 1 northeast in zone. The company also provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and the Bde CP without contact. Company C provided one platoon to assist the Scout platoon on convoy escort from FS/PB WILDCAT to Xuan Loc. The company also conducted S&D opns vic YS7897 and outposting of Hwy 1 in sector without contact. D Troop 3-5 Cav conducted S&D opns vic YS8697 with the Aero Rifle Platoon without contact. D Troop provided air screen in zone and inserted the LRRP in AO BLUE JAY I and AO BLUE JAY II without sightings or contact.

5 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy VC forces in the area. Company A conducted S&D opns vic YS7790 without incident. B Company conducted S&D in zone with one report of contact in the vic YS787916. Contact was with an estimated 3 to 4 VC. Contact was broken after 2 minutes by the VC. B Co pursued the VC but could not re-establish contact; there were no casualties in the engagement. C Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 without contact. E Company conducted S&D opns in zone with one reported contact. At 0810H the company exchanged fire with 2 VC. The VC broke contact and fled to the north. E Co pursued and spotted 4 to 6 more VC but was unable to establish contact; there were no casualties in the contact. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted S&D opns vic YS7892. The company also secured the Bn CP and the Rome plow effort in that area without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf conducted S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. The Bn secured FS/PB WILDCAT and provided convoy escort from WILDCAT to Xuan Loc.

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Company A secured FS/PB WILDCAT and outposting of Hwy 1 without contact. C Company conducted S&D ops west of Obj 1 in vic 7998 and YS7896 without contact. The Scout Platoon conducted convoy escort from FS/PB WILDCAT to Xuan Loc without incident. D Troop 3-5 Cav extracted the LRRP from AO without incident and was released OPCON TF FONSITH effective 050600H.

6 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D ops in zone to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. Company A conducted S&D ops vic YS7690 without contact. B Company conducted S&D ops in zone and at 060755H spotted movement in VC positions vic YS778895. The company called in arty fire with unknown VC casualties. C Company conducted S&D ops vic YS7891 without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured the Rome plow effort, the Bn CP and FS/PB PANTHER without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone; provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT; provided convoy escort from Xuan Loc to WILDCAT. Company A secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The company also continued to outpost Hwy 1 without contact. C Company conducted S&D ops vic YS8397 and YS7795 and outposting of Hwy 1 without contact. The Scout Platoon provided convoy escort between WILDCAT and Xuan Loc without incident.

7 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D ops to locate and destroy VC forces in the area. Company A conducted S&D ops vic YS7790 with four finds in the area. In the vic YS772900 the company found and destroyed a 250 lb bomb. They found a squad size VC base camp vic YS772895 consisting of 5 foxholes 4'x2'x2' without overhead cover and destroyed them. The company located another VC base camp vic YS777885 consisting of 6 bunkers 8'x5'x5' without overhead cover. Also found in the bunkers were 37 Chicom grenades, 5 lbs documents and one can unidentified medicine. The bunkers and grenades were destroyed and the medicine and documents evacuated. The company located 5 foxholes vic YS774883 that had been occupied in the last 24 hours and destroyed them. B Company conducted S&D ops in vic YS7988 without incident. Company C conducted S&D ops vic YS8087 and found and destroyed in the vic YS801871 3 oxcarts, 1 hut, and 1 poncho. E Company continued S&D ops vic YS8286 and closed FS/PB LEOPARD at 1120H without contact. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and moved from FS/PB PANTHER to FS/PB LEOPARD. Also secured the Rome plows during the move without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf (-) moved from FS/PB WILDCAT to FS/PB PANTHER and relieved 4-39 Inf in place. A Company became OPCON to 1st Bde 0900H for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and Bde CP. Company C moved from vic YS788-977 to FS/PB PANTHER without incident. The Scout Platoon secured convoy from Xuan Loc to FS/PB WILDCAT and moved to FS/PB PANTHER without contact.

8 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. The Bn continued to clear and improve FS/PB LEOPARD and released B Company OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf effective 080800H. A Company continued S&D ops in zone vic YS7888 with three finds. In the vic YS780882 the company found one hut and 3 bunkers w/overhead cover and 100 meters south of that location found 2 more huts and 4 well used trails. The company located 16 huts with a bunker to each vic YS778884 containing the following items: misc: clothing, 5 "P" batteries, 2 "C" batteries, 2 small bags soup mixture, 1 VC protective mask, 1 VC shovel, 2 V-10 directional mines (5 lb each), 1 oiler, 75' electrical wire, 1 commercial fish net, 1 French canteen, 2 VC ammo packs, 1 VC pistol belt, 1 rice sack, 7 tin pie pans, 1 VC head lamp, 1 small bag white powder (type unk), 1 small bag fried rice, 1 small bag uncooked rice. The bunkers were 8'x6'x4' with 2' of overhead cover. They also found one old map and one round of AK47 ammo. The map was evacuated and all other items were destroyed. Also in vic YS814864 they found 1 large tunnel 12' deep and a squad size base camp consisting of 5 bunkers w/overhead cover. All items were destroyed. B Company was released OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf effective 080800H. C Company conducted S&D ops from vic YS-8186 to the west with one find and one contact. In the vic YS779877 they found 2 huts and 2 bunkers with 16' overhead cover. The bunkers were

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approximately 12 months old and were destroyed by the company. The company spotted 2 VC in the vic YS786864 and opened fire on the VC. VC fled with the company in pursuit. This contact resulted in negative casualties. E Company continued to secure FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf secured the same plows clearing jungle vic FS/PB LEOPARD and secured the LOC from FS/PB PANTHER to FS/PB LEOPARD without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone and provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. A Company remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling around the FS/PB. B Company OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted S&D ops to the east of that FS/PB with one find. In the vic YS767922 the company located and destroyed 11 huts and 11 bunkers. In the bunkers they found some clothes and documents that were evacuated. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER with one incident. An ambush patrol from the Scout Platoon detected movement in the vic YS790837 and fired M-79 and mortars; the movement ceased. A short time later the ambush received a rifle grenade that hit an APC. There was no damage to the APC and neg US cas. The ambush returned the fire with M-79, mortars, and arty with unknown results. The ambush received a burst of AW fire a short time later and returned the fire with machine guns, arty and mortar fire. A sweep of the area was conducted at first light with neg results. B Co 4-39 Inf became OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf 080200H and conducted S&D from vic YS7889 to vic YS7890 without incident. The company also continued S&D ops with one platoon on Obj 11 vic YS7790 without contact.

9 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone and continued clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. A Company continued S&D ops vic YS7687 with one find. In the vic YS767886 the company found and destroyed 67 bunkers, one tunnel and 2 huts. They also evacuated 4 lbs of documents in the same area. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D to the south from vic YS7686. E Co conducted S&D vic YS7884 without contact. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD. The company also secured the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD. A resupply helicopter spotted 3 oxcarts and 20 personnel vic YS751860 and a patrol checked the area with neg results. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D in zone; provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. A Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde for security and local patrolling around FS/PB WILDCAT. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted patrols east of FS/PB PANTHER with one reported contact and find. A platoon from C Co made contact with an estimated VC squad vic YS771927 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and no US casualties. While pursuing the VC, the platoon found a VC base camp consisting of 5 bunkers which were destroyed. They also destroyed one gal of Kerosene and evacuated misc uniforms, 1 bush hat, 2 ponchos, unk # BA 30's, and misc documents. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf conducting S&D vic YS7991 and outposting Obj 11 vic YS779901 without contact.

10 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone and clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. Co A continued S&D ops to the east from vic YS7586 without contact. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. Co C conducted S&D ops to the east from vic YS7585. E Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7884 with one find. The Recon platoon located and destroyed a VC base camp vic YS754856 consisting of 12 bunkers 8'x6'x4' and 5 huts. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD. The company also conducted local patrolling in that area without contact. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone and provided security for FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. Co A remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. Co C conducted patrols east and west of FS/PB PANTHER with one contact and one find. In the vic YS806925 the 2nd platoon made contact with an unknown size VC force. Contact was broken by the VC 10 minutes later with neg US casualties and VC losses unknown. While pursuing the VC, the platoon found a small VC base camp consisting of 4 bunkers

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which were destroyed. The base camp location was YS808925. The platoon also found in the bunkers 2 pair black PJ, 2 tan shirts, one Russian rifle, one AK47, and 50 lbs of rotten rice; all items except the rice were evacuated. Also in the vic YS806925 the platoon located and destroyed one VC hand grenade booby trap. The company located a small tunnel with a hut vic YS814931; both were destroyed. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and conducted S&D vic YS7790 and YS7890 without contact.

11 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. Also continued clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D vic YS7586 with one find. The Co found 8 bunkers and 3 huts containing one table, 20 rds M-1 ammo, 1 Chicom claymore w/wire, 3 lbs documents and assorted clothing at 1350H in the vic YS781878. The documents and claymore were evacuated, all other items were destroyed. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. Co C conducted S&D opn vic YS7681 with one find. In the vic YS-750840 at 0800H, the company found 2 VC KIA (arty) (BC). There was no identification or weapons on the bodies. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8184 with one find. In the vic YS828839 the co found 6 dead oxen that were killed by arty. There were oxcart tracks leading to the east. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted local patrolling. The Co also secured FS/PB LEOPARD and the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and provided security for FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co conducted patrols east and west of FS/PB PANTHER and secured the FS/PB with two finds in the area. At 1030H this morning the company located a water point, a tan shirt and tin buckets in the vic YS797920 and destroyed all items. The co found a small base camp at 1105H in the vic YS800920 that consisted of 3 huts, 4 bunkers, cooking utensils, toothpaste, batteries, home made stove. All these items were old and not used recently and were destroyed. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without contact. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and conducted S&D opns vic YS7790 with one find in the area. In the vic YS792908 the co found and destroyed 4 huts, 4 tables, one VC canteen pouch and 1 entrenching tool.

12 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and conducted local patrolling and maintenance. A Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS-7889 without incident. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS7681 without contact. E Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS8184 without contact. B Co 2-47 Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns and security opns within AO; secured the 86th Engrs clearing teams working between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The co also secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trail from FS/PB WILDCAT to PANTHER without contact. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling with two finds. The 3rd platoon located 9 huts and 8 bunkers vic YS770937 w/18" overhead cover. They found in the bunkers, pots and utensils, 1 piece of web gear, 1 protective mask w/pouch; all these items were evacuated and were estimated to have been used in the past 3 days. In the vic YS770938, the platoon found and destroyed 3 huts, and 2 bunkers 6x4x3 with 7" overhead cover. The Scout platoon secured clearing teams moving to FS/PB LEOPARD without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf, conducted local patrolling vic YS7890 and continued manning OP vic YS778903 without contact.

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13 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde until 131200H, at which time, all elements initiated SANTA FE II. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D and security opns in their AO. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7688 with one find. The 2nd platoon found a small base camp vic YS766885 consisting of 8 bunkers 3x4x3, 5 huts, 100 lbs rice, 25 lbs beans, 1 gal bean oil, 2000' cable, 2 telephones of unk type, 2 latrines, and 2 RPG-2 rockets. The bunkers, huts and latrines were destroyed; all other items were evacuated. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D opns vic YS7682 with one find. The 1st platoon found a VC base camp vic YS757819 consisting of 6 bunkers 8x6x4 with 24" overhead cover, and two huts; all were destroyed. E Co conducted S&D opns vic YS8184 without contact. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted S&D vic YS7987 and secured FS/PB LEOPARD without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and secured clearing tms working between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co continued security of FS/PB PANTHER and secured clearing tms working between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD with one find. The 1st platoon located and destroyed 10 bunkers 8'x4'x3' with 3' overhead cover. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and continued manning OP vic YS778903. The company also continued patrolling vic YS7790 and YS8192 with one find. The 3rd platoon found in vic YS804924 a base camp that was destroyed 12 Nov 1967 that had one bowl of freshly cooked rice and some fresh cut sapplings. All were destroyed. On opn SANTA FE II the 86th Engrs cleared 67 acres and windrowed 3 acres. There was 18 acres cleared in FS/PB PANTHER, 39 acres from LEOPARD 1300m north, 10 acres in FS/PB WILDCAT.

14 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and secured some plows clearing north from FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7587 without contact. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D opns vic YS8079 with one find. The company found and destroyed one can, 6 huts and one bunker 4x4x3 with 10" to 24" overhead cover in the vic YS782810 at 1130H. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8380 and 8082 with one contact and one find in the area. At 1205H today the Falcon platoon engaged 2 VC vic YS835808. The VC fled to the west with the platoon pursuing with neg results. In the vic YS837819 at 1100H the company found and evacuated one 1953 German SMG Ser no 353618 and 2 inter parts of a PRC/25 radio. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf, secured FS/PB LEOPARD and the clearing tms from 86th Engrs clearing Rte 331 north from FS/PB LEOPARD. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing tms from 86th Engrs clearing trails in AO. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. The company also secured some plow teams clearing trail between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. B Co remained OPCON to 4-39 Inf. C Co continued security of FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON to 2-47 (M) Inf and continued manning OP vic YS779803 and conducted S&D opns vic YS 7991 without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 106 acres of jungle today for a total of 293 acres to date. Traces were cleared south of FS/PB PANTHER from YS788926 to YS788922. Traces were also cleared north of FS/PB LEOPARD from YS802867 to YS790885 and traces were started to the south from FS/PB LEOPARD. The Engrs have 8 dozers on hand and 0 deadlined. They have 22 some plows on hand with one on deadline.

15 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and secured clearing teams clearing north from FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7587 without contact. B Co remained OPCON to 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D vic YS8080 without contact. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8281. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf, continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling. The company also secured clearing teams from 86th

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Engrs clearing Rte 331 north of FS/PB LEOPARD. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops in AO. Secured the clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing Rte 331 between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The company also secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf, continued manning OP vic YS778902 and conducted S&D ops vic YS8000. There was no contact in 1st Bde's AO today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 104 acres today for a total to date of 397 acres. Traces from YS790885 to YS787894 and from YS805865 to YS817857 were cleared. Also cleared were traces from YS803872 to YS797871; from YS787929 to YS791939. They have 9 Rome plows operational and 5 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and 3 on deadline. In the vic YS7483 the Bde C&C ship spotted 4 VC base camps that will be checked at a later date by troops on the ground. The locations of the base camps are YS744836, YS740839, YS741832, and YS748837.

16 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the first Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops within AO. The Bn moved its CP from FS/PB LEOPARD to LYNX. The Bn released OPCON B Co 2-47 (M) Inf 160600H and assumed OPCON B Co 4-39 Inf at that time. A Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7582 and secured the Bn CP at FS/PB LYNX without contact. C Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7878 with two finds and one contact in the area. In the vic YS796782 at 0910H the co found and destroyed 5 bunkers and 5 huts. The bunkers were 10x8x4 with 2' overhead cover. Later in the day vic YS781782 the company found a base camp and engaged 3 VC, that fled to the SW, with neg results. The base camp consisted of 3 huts, 13 bunkers. While pursuing the VC, about 100m SW of the base camp, the co found 2 Chicom claymores, 400 rds SA ammo, 20 lbs medical supplies, 100 lbs rice, 10 ammo pouches, 4 grenades, and 2 lbs documents. The co is conducting ambush patrols in the area tonight and will destroy the base camp tomorrow and evacuate the other items. E Co conducted S&D ops within AO without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing south of FS/PB WILDCAT. The Bn released OPCON B Co 4-39 Inf 160600H and assumed OPCON B Co 2-47 (M) Inf. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The Co also conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and secured clearing teams clearing toward FS/PB LYNX. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling with one find. The Co also secured teams clearing south of FS/PB PANTHER. In the vic YS804925 found and destroyed one hut, rice bowls, and a table. There was a fire in the area and the area was checked with neg results. The Scout platoon maintained the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 116 acres today for a total to date cleared of 513 acres. The Engr have 18 Rome plows and 8 dozers operational. Traces cleared today were from YS795885 to YS778875, from YS800850 to YS786850, from YS795850 to YS805840, from YS788925 to YS788809.

17 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops within AO and secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrols without contact. B Company conducted S&D ops vic YS7834 with one find in the area. The company located a base camp containing 30 bunkers w/overhead cover, 1 classroom and 5 cooking huts. In the huts they found 20 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs documents, misc clothing, one map, training manuals, home made grenade, 50 rds 50 cal armor piercing, and a box for 81mm mortar site. Base camp loc YS724844. The bunkers were destroyed; all other items evacuated. C Company conducted S&D ops vic 7878 with one find. In the vic YS789799 the company found a VC base camp of 20 bunkers that were caved in. E Company conducted S&D ops vic YS8282 without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn moved its CP from FS/PB PANTHER to LEOPARD and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails and FS/PB's in AO. A Co remained OPCON for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling without contact. B Co continued to secure FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling in that area without contact. The

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company also secured Engrs clearing teams working in the area without contact. C Company continued to secure FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling without contact but had one find in the area. In the vic YS-794925 the company found and destroyed 2 huts and 2 bunkers. The company also secured the Engrs clearing trail south of FS/PB PANTHER. Scout platoon secured the LOC from FS/PB PANTHER to WILDCAT with one incident. The platoon received one round of sniper fire vic YS753835 with neg casualties. In the vic YS853871 a Bde FAC reported an airstrike resulted in a secondary explosion, black smoke was seen rising from the target area. A Co 86 Engr cleared 107 acres today for a total to date of 720 acres. The Engrs have 8 dozers operational and 17 romo plows operational. They have 5 plows deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS775870 to YS762872, from YS753828 to YS754834, from YS756827 to YS758828, from YS788909 to YS788905.

18 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and secured FS/PB LYNX. The bn also established blocking positions in conjunction with 11 ACR opn. A Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling until 180900H. The Co then moved and established blocking pns vic YS763887 without contact. B Co conducted S&D opns vic YS7784 until 180900H and then moved and established blocking pns vic YS742885 without contact. The Co located a VC base camp vic YS771847 containing 12 bunkers w/overhead cover, one classroom, 2 - 75MM RR rds, 2 Chicom claymores, 26 butterfly bombs. The RR rds, claymores and butterfly bombs were destroyed. The base camp was not, due to mission. C Co conducted S&D opns vic YS7879 until 180900H and then moved and established blocking pns vic YS754886. E Co conducted S&D opns vic YS8076 until 180900H and then moved to secure FS/PB LYNX with one platoon. The Co furnished the RRF for the Bn with one platoon vic YS755875. Enroute to FS/PB LYNX the co located an old VC base camp vic YS797792 and passed through due to nature of mission. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO. The Bn also secured FS/PB WILDCAT and LEOPARD and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs. clearing trails in Bde AO and provided blocking forces in conjunction with 11 ACR opns. A Co remained OFCON to 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. The company provided one platoon for security of FS/PB PANTHER and one platoon for blocking force vic YS777915 without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling until 180930H. They also provided security for clearing teams clearing trails in AO until that time. The Co then moved dismounted to blocking pns vic YS779903 and YS770890. The company also provided a platoon for security of FS/PB PANTHER until released by a platoon from A Co. They also conducted S&D opns and security opns for clearing teams clearing trails in Bde AO until 180930H, then moved and established blocking pns vic YS775923, YS774927, and YS779903 without contact. The Scout platoon secured LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT and relieved other elements of security of clearing teams at 180930H. The Scouts also provided security for FS/PB LEOPARD and assisted in security at FS/PB PANTHER without contact.

19 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf provided company size blocking forces south of mountain vic YS7591 and conducted local patrolling. The Bn also secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co provided blocking force vic YS760886. B Co provided blocking force vic YS752886. C Co provided blocking force vic YS740385. E Co secured FS/PB LYNX and provided plat size RRF vic YS762870. There was no contact or finds in the 4-39 Inf today. All companies conducted local patrolling. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also provided blocking forces East of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OFCON to 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. One plat remained at FS/PB PANTHER for security and Bn RRF. One platoon provided blocking force vic YS777915. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and provided

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blocking forces vic YS776906 and YS768888 with two platoons. C Co provided company size blocking force vic YS775925. Scout plat secured some plows clearing trails in Bde AO with one find. In the vic 800783 the plat found and destroyed 2 lean to's and 3 ox carts. There was no contact in 2-47 (M) Inf area today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 66 acres today for a total to date of 878. Engrs have 16 some plows operational and 5 deadlined. They have 8 dozers on hand and 0 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS753833 to YS784845, from YS802830 to YS810830.

20 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and provided three company size blocking forces south of mountain vic YS7591. The Bn also secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co provided blocking force vic YS760886 and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co provided blocking force vic YS752886 and conducted local patrolling with four finds and one contact in the area. The 1st platoon found 15 graves in the vic YS735895 at 201050H containing 15 VC KIA (BC), approximately 3 days old. Seven bodies killed by arty and eight killed by SA. The 1st platoon also found a VC base camp vic YS735895 consisting of 10 bunkers. The bunkers were not destroyed. The platoon found a VC base camp vic YS746890 consisting of bunkers and trenches. One bunker was 50'x75' and contained medical supplies which were evacuated. The platoon engaged 1 VC wearing a tiger uniform vic YS774894 with neg results. C Co provided blocking forces vic YS740885 and conducted local patrolling with one find in area. Vic YS740900 the co found one hut, one ruck sack, and a blood trail. The hut was destroyed and the ruck sack was evacuated. All companies of 4-39 Inf returned to FS/PB LYNX at 201705H in preparation for AML movement to Bearcat on 21 Nov 1967. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also provided blocking forces east of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. One platoon A Co remained at FS/PB PANTHER as Bn RRF. One platoon A Co provided blocking force vic YS777915. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and provided blocking forces vic YS776906 and YS768888 with two plats. C Co provided company size blocking force vic YS775925. Scout platoon secured some plows clearing trails within Bde AO today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 11 acres today for a total to date of 922 acres.

21 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf terminated Opn SANTA FE II and conducted AML movement by CH47 from FS/PB LYNX to Bearcat commencing 0700H and completing at 0855H. Bn released from OPCON 1st Bde at that time. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also terminated blocking pns east of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. Two platoons secured FS/PB PANTHER until the FS/PB was closed out at 1645H. The two platoons returned to FS/PB WILDCAT at that time. A Co had no contact in their area today. B Co secured FS/PB LEOPARD and secured Engrs clearing trails in AO. The Co also conducted local patrolling with one sighting in the area. At 1029H the Co spotted 4 individuals wearing dark uniforms vic YS811886. The Co called in Arty and mortars and made a sweep of the area without contact or any trace of the personnel observed. Co C secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling without contact. The Scout platoon secured the Engrs moving from FS/PB LYNX to YS790790 without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 65 acres today for a total cleared of 1057 to date. The Engrs have 8 dozers operational, none deadlined and 21 some plows operational and one on deadline. Traces cleared today from YS766818 to YS762813, from YS752860 to YS762860.

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22 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The Co had two finds in the area today. At 1026H in the vic YS802920 the 2nd platoon found a well used trail running north and south. The platoon checked out the area with no further development. The 1st platoon located 2 VC base camps, one in vic YS803918, the other YS911-920. The base camp at YS803918 consisted of 8 huts, 20 bunkers and one tunnel which were destroyed. The platoon also found a small amount of medical supplies and documents in the base camp and evacuated them to Bde CP. The other base camp consisted of 7 huts and 20 bunkers which will be destroyed at a later date. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and manned an OP vic YS778903 with one squad. The Co also conducted local patrolling and secured LOC between WILDCAT and LEOPARD without incident. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling without incident. Scout platoon secured some plows clearing on LIMESTONE trail and located and destroyed 15 old bunkers vic YS790790. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 85 acres today for a total of 1,142 acres to date. Traces cleared from YS791-730 to YS795790, from YS792790 to YS796778 to YS785762, from YS762870 to YS770876. The Engrs have 16 some plows operational and 6 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and 0 deadlined. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained at FS/PB TIGER and became OPCON 11 ACH.

23 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde and did not have any contact in their area. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without incident. The Co also manned OP vic YS778903 with one squad. The Co also secured the Loc between FS/PB WILDCAT and LEOPARD. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX and escorted B Btry 1-11 arty from LYNX to BOBCAT completely closing FS/PB BOBCAT at 1740H. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided a platoon for security of FS/PB BOBCAT without incident. Scout plat secured some plows clearing on LIMESTONE trail and secured FS/PB BOBCAT without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 70 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1212 acres. Traces cleared today from YS755826 to YS762824, from YS790790 to YS788772. The Engrs have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. They have 18 some plows operational and 4 deadlined.

24 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde until relieved by B Co at 1247H. A Co moved to FS/PB LEOPARD and secured that FS/PB and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co moved from FS/PB LEOPARD to FS/PB WILDCAT and relieved A Co and became OPCON 1st Bde 1247H. B Co reported receiving 16 rds of sniper fire from northeast side of WILDCAT. There were no friendly casualties and fire was not returned. The First platoon relieved the 2nd squad of the 2nd platoon on OP vic YS778903. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX, clearing teams clearing between LYNX and BOBCAT and conducted local patrolling in AO with one find. The Co, while reacting to a report from a resupply helicopter that a hut was spotted vic YS783808, found and destroyed 4 bunkers in that area. The Co also located some well used trails and checked the area with neg results. The Co also provided one platoon for security of FS/PB BOBCAT. Scout platoon secured Engrs clearing trails south of FS/PB BOBCAT and secured FS/PB BOBCAT with one find. The platoon found and destroyed 4 bunkers vic YS784757. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 54 acres today for a total to date of 1266 acres cleared. The Engrs have 5 dozers operational and 3 deadlined. They have 12 some plows operational and 10 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS785772 to YS788764, from YS788796 to YS787803, from YS787790 to YS787788.

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25 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO. A Co secured FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. At 1800H, A Co cleared 1 platoon OPCON to B/2-47 for security of Engr base vic YS8297. B Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted patrolling without contact. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX until 1300H, then moved to secure FS/PB BOBCAT. Established and secured Engr base vic YS8074. The company also conducted local patrolling without contact. Scout platoon secured clearing teams south of FS/PB BOBCAT and secured forward Engr base vic YS8074 without incident. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 75 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1301 acres. The Engrs have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. They have 19 rome plows operational and 3 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS789748 to YS794742, from YS792768 to YS790765, from YS783764 to YS788768, from YS772811 to YS783803.

26 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling until relieved by B Trp 3-5 Cav at 1145H. The Co then moved to FS/PB LYNX and continued to man OP vic YS778903 with one platoon. The Co secured FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one platoon for security of Engrs Base vic YS8074. The Co also conducted local patrolling and secured clearing teams clearing south of FS/PB LYNX. The Co had a patrol find and disarmed one booby trapped grenade in vic YS752764. Scout plat. secured clearing teams clearing south of BOBCAT and secured Engrs Base vic YS8074 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav closed FS/PB WILDCAT and relieved B Co 2-47 (M) Inf of the security mission of that FS/PB and became OPCON to 1st Bde. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 96 acres today for a total acreage cleared to date of 1397. The Co has 19 rome plows operational and 3 deadlined. They have 8 dozers on hand and all operational. Traces cleared today from YS792753 to YS792747 to YS796745, from YS783803 to YS790790.

27 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling. The Co also relieved the plat of B Co on OP vic YS778903 with its 1st plat. There was no contact in A Co area today. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling. The 3rd plat found a VC complex vic YS739837 which contained 50 bunkers that had been destroyed. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided security for 86th Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The Scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of BOBCAT with one find in the area. In the vic YS810738 the plat found and destroyed 50 bunkers and 9 huts that appeared to be 2-3 weeks old. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. At 1500H a patrol from B/3-5 Cav sighted a man vic YS808972 who fled to the northwest. A Co 86th Engr cleared 66 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,463 acres. The Engr have 20 rome plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS781764 to YS785733, from YS804743 to YS815750, from YS799749 to YS807741, from YS799799 to YS803799.

28 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling in AO without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT

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and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided security for 86th Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The Scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of BOBCAT without incident. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. At 1400H, a patrol from B/3-5 Cav found 1 Taunus bus body. The bus was left intact. A Co 86th Engr cleared 29 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,492 acres. The Engr's have 20 romo plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS810740 to YS817722, from YS807747 to YS808740.

29 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. One plat continued manning outpost at YS779991. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling in AO. At 1345H, vic YS748802, 2nd plat found a company size VC base camp consisting of 9 bunkers. Established AP at this location tonight, plan to destroy 30 November 1967. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of Bearcat without incident. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and 86th Engr base vic YS819968 until 1800H at which time they were relieved in place by 1 plat D/1-11. Patrolling was conducted in assigned AO without contact. A Co 86th Engr cleared 21 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,513 acres. The Engr's have 20 romo plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS818713 to YS809744.

30 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf relocated units in preparation for phase III, Opn SANTA FE. A Co conducted movement from FS/PB LEOPARD to vic YS796974 and became OPCON 3-5 Cav at 1040H. B Co conducted movement from FS/PB LYNX to FS/PB PANTHER, closing at 0843H and prepared for future opns. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr movement from Engr Base vic YS8074 to FS/PB BOBCAT. Scout platoon provided 1 section as security for move of Engr from Engr base YS8074 and 1 section moved to FS/PB PANTHER to prepare for future opns. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted motor march from Bearcat closing west of FS/PB WILDCAT vic YS796974 at 1040H without incident. A Trp conducted motor march from Bearcat to vic YS969-974, closing at 1040H and prepared for future opns. B Trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, moved one plat to FS/PB LEOPARD closing at 0955H and became OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf at 1040H. C Trp 3-5 Cav conducted motor march from Bearcat to vic YS796974, closing at 1040H and prepared for future opns. A Co 86th Engr conducted movement from forward base located at YS8074 to FS/PB BOBCAT.

1 Dec: Opn SANTA FE III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf relocated units initiating Phase III of Opn SANTA FE. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co conducted move from FS/PB PANTHER along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0955H and closed FS/PB FUMA at 1230H without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT, conducted local patrolling, and moved one plat from FS/PB LEOPARD to FS/PB WILDCAT. At 1140H, a patrol spotted one individual vic YS819959. A combat tracking team was dispatched to the area and a search was made with neg results. C Co conducted move from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT closing at 2100H and provided security for A Co 86th Engr movement to FS/PB WILDCAT. One plat provided security for FS/PB BOBCAT until B/1-11 ARTY was airlifted at 1535H. The Scout platoon provided one section for security of A Co 86th Engr movement from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT. One section moved to vic YS839991 and provided security of AVLB. 3-5 Cav (-) attacked

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east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0655H and closed FS/PB ALLEYCAT at 1241H without incident. A Trp attacked east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0655H and provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Co 2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav and conducted attack east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0915H and moved to vic YS971970 and outposted along Hwy 1. C Trp attacked east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0745H and established RON position vic ZS046997, and outposted along Hwy 1. At 1115H, YS934930 a 1ST from 3-5 Cav sighted one individual pushing a bicycle loaded with food; also sighted in same area was a camp site. The individual was taken under fire with unknown results. The 43rd ARVN Regt conducted airmobile assault from FS/PB PUMA to secure objective FS/PB TONCAT and bridges located vic ZS074999 and ZS074998. Completion of air assault was at 1055H, LZ COLD. A Co 86th Engr conducted movement from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT closing at 2100H.

2 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and conduct S&D opns in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA, provided one platoon to secure AVLB vic YS928981, and conducted local patrolling and Roadrunner operation along Hwy 1. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47, secured FS/PB WILDCAT, Engr base loc YS819971, and conducted local patrolling without contact. C Co loc vic YS857997, conducted local patrolling and outposted along Hwy 1. At 1723H, vic YT834024 an ele destroyed 2 huts, 2 bunkers and assorted dishes. The scout platoon provided one section to secure FS/PB PUMA, and one section secured AVLB vic YS839991. The 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns north and south of Hwy 1 in zone, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and conducted road march east along Hwy 1 to vic ZS074998. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted patrolling in AO without contact. A/2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 3-5 Cav (-), conducted Roadrunner opns between PL JANG and FS/PB ALLEYCAT. At 1645H, vic YS950970, ele received 1 rd RPG fire. Fire was returned W/SA, M-79 & arty w/unlk results. There were neg US cas or damage. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1, moved 1 plat east along Hwy 1 to bridge sites located south of FS/PB TONCAT. At 1950H, vic YS937979, ele received SA/AV fire. Fire was returned w/unlk results. Neg US cas or damage. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB PUMA, bridges loc ZS074998 and conducted patrolling east of FS/PB TONCAT without contact.

3 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and conducted S&D opns in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA, provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS878997 and YS928982; manned OP vic YS905005, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without incident. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT and 86th Engr base loc YS820973, and conducted local patrolling without contact. C Co loc vic YS857997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted roadrunner opns. At 1608H, vic YS855998 ele found 1 pack containing 1 gas mask, 1 pair trousers, and 3 books. Will evacuate gas mask and books; will destroy trousers and pack. The scout plat provided 1 section to secure FS/PB PUMA, and one section secured AVLB loc vic YS839991. The 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns in AO, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted roadrunner opns without incident. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted along Hwy 1, conducted local patrolling and reconned Hwy 28 south to Ham Tan without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1, secured Engr effort repairing bridges at ZS074998 and ZS074999. At 1855H elements moved across obstacle at above coordinates and linked up with 43rd ARVN. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TONCAT, conducted S&D opns and reconned bridge sites east of FS/PB TONCAT without contact. At 1442H, vic ZS095986, ele discovered plat size base camp consisting of 3 houses, 4 bunkers w/OH cover, 4 CBU bomblets, 1 chicom hand grenade, and assorted dishes. All of the items were destroyed except for some of the dishes.

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4 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS978997; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav (-) remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling; secured Engr base loc YS820973 and secured some plow clearing teams. C Co loc vic YS858997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops. At 1235H, vic YT815055, ele found 2 bunkers, 15'x20' W/OHC and 2 huts in same area. All were destroyed. The scout plat secured FS/PB PUMA, conducted roadrunner ops and conducted local patrolling without incident. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D ops in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner ops and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling and roadrunner op without incident. A/2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav; loc vic YS965968, conducted local patrolling; outposted along Hwy 1; and conducted roadrunner ops without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. C Trp outposted along Hwy 1, secured Engr upgrading of Hwy 1, and conducted combined S&D ops with 43rd ARVN east to III Corp boundary. At 0915H, vic ZT046005, ele located an OP consisting of 1 bunker W/OHC, 5 one man lean-to's, small amount of rice and grain, cooking utensils, and 2 rice bowls. All of the items were destroyed except for the grain and rice, (evac). 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TUMCAT and conducted S&D ops east of TUMCAT to III Corp boundary. At 0835H, vic ZS085992, ele found squad size OP, consisting of 1 bunker W/OHC 3'x3'x4', and 1 hut. All were destroyed. At 0935H, vic ZS096983, element found 3 fortified bunkers with 4' OHC, misc clothes, cooking utensils 60 loose chickens, 1 dead pig, 1 live pig, and unknown amount of medical supplies. The medical supplies will be evacuated, the other items be destroyed, and live stock left in place. At 1110H, vic ZS104970, ele engaged 2 VC with neg results. The Engr cleared 118 acres today. At YS-540997, YS865998 and YS884995 the Engr cleared sites for OP. They have 21 some plows operational and 1 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. The 11 bridge sites to be improved; work was initiated on 4 today.

5 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engrs clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS978997; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted patrolling and roadrunner op without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav (-) remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling, and secured Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to bridge loc YS839002. C Co vic YS858997 conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops without incident. The Scout plat conducted roadrunner ops and secured Engrs upgrading Hwy 1. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D ops in close coordination and coordination with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured Engrs upgrading Hwy 1; conducted roadrunner ops and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling and roadrunner ops without contact. A/2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav and relocated CP vic ZS092999; conducted local patrolling; outposted and screened Hwy 1. At 1653H vic ZS092999, A Co detained 2 males w/o ID. They were evacuated for interrogation. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp relocated CP to vic ZS143998; established FS/PB with 1 plat of B/1-11 arty; conducted roadrunner ops; outposted and screened Hwy 1, and conducted S&D ops in close cooperation and coordination with 43rd ARVN. 43rd ARVN Regt secures FS/PB TUMCAT; conducted airmobile assault to LZ vic ZS148941; conducted S&D ops south from that loc to Hwy 1. The Engrs cleared 187 acres today for a total of 305 to date. They have 21 plows operational and 1 was evacuated for repair. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Bridge construction was continued by Engrs at YS878997 and completed today.

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6 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided ele to secure AVLB vic YS929981; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted S&D opn north of FS/PB PUMA without contact. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling, and secured Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to bridge, loc YS839992. C Co loc YS858997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns without incident. The scout platoon conducted roadrunner opns and secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt, secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner opns, and secured FS/PB ALLYCAT. A trp secured FS/PB ALLYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling; roadrunner opns; and secured Engr rebuilding bridges in AO. A/2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 3-5 Cav; CP loc ZS046998; outposted and screened Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling south of Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner opns without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47. C trp CP loc ZS143998; conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured 1 platoon of B/1-11 ARTY loc at ZS143998; outposted and screened along Hwy 1. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TOMCAT; conducted S&D opns in vic ZT0702 and outposted along Hwy 1. The Engr cleared 169 acres today. Total acres cleared to date is 474 acres. They have 20 romo plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Construction was continued on bridges in AO. At 1205H, vic ZS038925, FAC observed secondary explosion during air strikes.

7 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B/2-47 manned OP vic YT905005 with reinforced sqd; secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing operations in zone and continued to secure FS/PB PUMA. C/2-47 conducted S&D opn vic YT8603, located 2 huts containing pots, pans, plates and rice vic YT851027, destroyed huts and utensils and evac 50 lbs of rice. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in zone and conducted local patrolling without contact. Scout platoon secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in zone. The 3-5 Cav conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with the 43rd ARVN Regt, provided security for Engr clearing and upgrading along Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner opns, secured FS/PB ALLYCAT, and assisted 43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB ALLYCAT; secured Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling 1000 meters north and south of Hwy 1 in zone. B/3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C/3-5 Cav secured Hwy 1 from ZS090997 to ZT195018 and outposted all critical pts along Hwy 1 in zone. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone, secured bridge sites 8 and 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. 1ST discovered a bunker and possible tunnel entrance vic YT971025 which will be checked out tomorrow. 1-43rd ARVN secured FS/PB TOMCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Engr cleared 202 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 678 acres; from YS893990 to YS898998 and from YS912986 to YS923985. They have 19 romo plows operational and 3 deadlined, 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge at site 8 was completed today.

8 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co manned OP vic YT-905005 with reinforced sqd and provided security along Hwy 1 for Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted S&D vic YT-9102 and secured FS/PB PUMA without contact. C Co conducted S&D opns vic YS8797 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co provided security for the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in their area without incident. B trp 3-5

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Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted S&D ops vic YT8494 without contact. The trp also provided Bde RRF but was not committed. The scout platoon secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The 3-5 Cav conducted S&D ops in zone, secured Engr clearing operations in zone, secured Engr clearing operations along Hwy 1 in zone, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling 1000 meters north and south of Hwy 1 in zone without contact. B/3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C/3-5 Cav secured Hwy 1 from ZS090997 to ZT195018, and outposted all critical points along Hwy 1 in zone. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone, secured bridge sites 8 and 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. 1-43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TOMCAT and conducted an S&D opn vic ZS189980 without contact. The Engr cleared 318 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 994 acres; from YS892993 to YS857998. They have 22 rome plows operational and 0 deadlined; 8 dozers operational and 0 deadlined. Construction of bridges in AO continued. Bridge site 1 was completed today.

9 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic YS9298, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing ops along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co manned OP vic YT905005 with a reinforced squad, secured FS/PB PUMA, and conducted S&D ops along Hwy 1 and Hwy 336 in zone without contact. C Co conducted S&D ops vic YS8897 without contact and secured Engr clearing ops and Hwy 1 in zone. B trp, 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, secured Engr clearing ops and Hwy 1 in zone, and conducted S&D ops vic YS8299 without contact. The trp also provided the Bde RRF but was not committed. The scout platoon secured Hwy 1 in zone without incident. TF 3-5 Cav secured Engr clearing ops and outposted Hwy 1 from vic YS9398 to vic ZT1901, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and assisted 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone, patrolling along the road without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and outposted critical points along the road. C Co, 2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in its zone, secured bridge sites 8 & 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt securing FS/PB TOMCAT. LST assisted 5th ACK (ARVN) in conducting recon south of Hwy 1 vic YT7001. TF NGAC (ARVN) secured FS/PB TOMCAT conducted local patrolling and prepared to displace CP from TOMCAT to vic FS/PB ALLEYCAT on 10 Dec 67. The Engr cleared 217 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1,011 acres, from vic YS839991 to vic YS934981. They have 22 rome plows operational and 1 deadlined (one additional rome plow was available today); 8 dozers were operational and 0 deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge site 4 was completed today.

10 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf assumed responsibility for the security of Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic YS9797 and continued outposting and screening of the hwy, provided security for Engr clearing ops and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co displaced its CP to vic YS944974. The company secured bridge site #6, conducted roadrunner ops in zone, and outposted the hwy. C Co displaced its CP to FS/PB PUMA, manned to OP vic YT898002 and secured bridge site #5. The company also outposted the road and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. B trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and bridge sites #1&2. The trp conducted a dismounted patrol vic FS/PB PUMA without contact, outposted the hwy and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. The scout platoon assisted in providing security for FS/PB PUMA and outposted Hwy 1. At approx 1855H an element of the Recon plt received four rds S/A fire vic YS813966. Ele returned fire. No US casualties. VC casualties unk. TF 3-5 Cav assumed responsibility for the security of Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic ZT1901, outposted the road and continued to provide security for Engr upgrading and clearing ops. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops, and secured Hwy 1 in zone. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. A Co, 2-47 (M) Inf

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secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. TF NGOC (ARVN) was reconstituted by the release of 1-43rd ARVN Regt and the attachment of the 35th and 36th Ranger Bns (ARVN). The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) and CP TF NGOC (ARVN) displaced to FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) outposted along Hwy 1 and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The Engr cleared 191 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1,185 acres, from vic YS319969 to vic YS950970. They have 20 Rome plows operational and 3 deadlined; 8 dozers were operational and 0 deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge sites #4, 5 & 9 were completed today. At approx 1615H the bde log convoy returning to Xuan Loc received 3 rds S/A fire vic Y1660065. Convoy continued. No US casualties.

11 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr ele in zone and conducted local patrolling north of Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and man OP vic YT898002. The company outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted local patrolling north of the road. Tracks of approx 15 VC were discovered vic YS924 999. A tracker team was brought in to pursue this find. C trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and bridge sites #1 & 2. The trp also conducted roadrunner opns in zone and patrolled north of FS/PB WILDCAT without contact. Scout plt assisted in securing Engr ele along Hwy 1. TF 3-5 Cav continued to secure Engr opns along Hwy 1 and to conduct S&D opns in AO. A trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted Hwy 1, secured Engr clearing opns along hwy and conducted patrols to vic YS985983 and to north of Hwy 1 without contact. B trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp secured Hwy 1 in zone, conducted roadrunner opns, and patrolled to vic ZT125020 and south of Hwy 1. One plt received one rd RPG fire vic ZS097997. No casualties or damage were incurred. Arty engaged enemy with unknown results. A Co, 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT, outposted Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. The company patrolled to vic ZT068028 and located several trail mkrs and other signs of activity vic ZT068021. TF NGOC (ARVN) continued to organize its new positions at FS/PB ALLEYCAT occupied by TF CF and 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) and to prepare for future operations. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) outposted along Hwy 1, secured Engr opns along Hwy and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. One TF ele reported sighting 4 VC vic YT815230 without results. The Engr cleared 146 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1610 acres, from vic YS819969 to vic ZS000980. They have 22 Rome plows operational and one deadlined and all eight dozers operational. Bridge sites #3, 7 & 10 were completed today. Work continues on site #11, the only bridge still unfinished.

12 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr opns along Hwy 1 in zone and patrolled north to vic YS970999 without contact. C Co provided security for FS/PB PUMA and manned OP vic YT898002. The company also conducted a patrol north to vic YT942012 without incident and secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in its area. B Trp, 3-5 Cav continued to secure FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. The company patrolled to vic YS815999 without contact. The Scout plt assisted in securing the hwy. TF 3-5 Cav continued to outpost and secure Hwy 1 and secured Engr clearing opns along the hwy in its AO. A Trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted Hwy 1 and secured the road in its zone. The troop accounted for one detainee, a female who was evacuated to BLACKHORSE. B Trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone, conducted roadrunner opns and patrolled north of the road to vic ZT173017. At this loc the patrol found and destroyed two bunkers, a small bag of rice and noted evidence of a fire approx 2 days old. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT, outposted the hwy in zone and patrolled north to vic ZT085025. TF NGOC (ARVN) began a 2-day battalion-sized S&D opn south of Hwy 1. 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) moved by trk

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from FS/PB ALLEYCAT to bridge site #8, dismtd and searched to RON vic ZS071-967. The bn discovered and destroyed a 660 lb rice cache vic ZS085976, located a small base camp vic ZS071969 and destroyed 3 bunkers and some sewing mach parts. Ele of bn received 2 rds S/A fire vic ZS068973. The bn also reported 2 detainees. One was an 18 yr old female; the other a 25 yr old deserter who was evacuated to Ham Tan. Another element of the battalion swept Hwy 2B south as far as Ham Tan. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy outposts along Hwy 1 and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The Engr cleared 169 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1779 acres; vic YS819909 to vic ZS024989. They have 22 rone plows operational and 1 deadlined; all 8 dozers operational. Clearing opns continue in AO.

13 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remains OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr opns along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YS9395 without contact. C Co provided security for FS/PB PUNA and Engr opns along Hwy 1. The company also conducted patrolling vic YS9296 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8297 without contact. The Scout Platoon assisted in securing Hwy 1 in zone without incident. TF 3-5 Cav continued to outpost and secure Hwy 1 and secured Engr opns along Rte 2B. A Trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr clearing and upgrading Rte 2B without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and secured the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The Trp also conducted patrolling; vic ZT1503 without incident. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic ZT0903 with one find. The Co found and destroyed 2 bunkers and one hut vic ZT097038. TF NGOC continued S&D opns from vic ZS0697 to the west back to FS/PB ALLEYCAT with the 35th Ranger Bn without contact. The 36th Ranger Bn continued to man outpost along Hwy 1 without incident. The female detainee that the 35th Rangers detained 12 Dec 67 will be evacuated to Xuan Loc tomorrow for further questioning. She admitted she has been a VC for 2 years and 2 months.

14 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing opns. The Bn also conducted local patrolling. A Co remained OPCON to 3-5 Cav. B Co secured Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic YS9397 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB PUNA and continued manning OP vic YS89-8002. The Co outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YS8903 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB WILDCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8299 and YS8497 without contact. The Scout plat assisted in security of Hwy 1 without incident. TF 3-5 Cav continued S&D and security opns along Hwy 1 in zone and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and TOMCAT. The Sqdn also secured Engr operation along Hwy 1, and Rte 2B. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr cutting opns along Rte 2B without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic ZS1494 with one find. The 2nd plat found and destroyed 4 bunkers and 2 huts vic ZS140946. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and out posted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic ZS0798 without contact. TF NGOC continued to man OP's along Hwy 1 with the 36th Ranger Bn. The 35th Ranger Bn conducted maintenance and prepared for future opns. The female detainee captured by the 35th Ranger Bn on 12 Dec 1967 was turned over to ARVN units located in Ham Tan.

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15 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone and provide security for Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1. The Bn also conducted local patrolling and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and PUMA. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured Hwy 1 in zone and Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted patrolling vic YS9598 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB PUMA and continued manning OP vic YT898002. The Co also outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YS8895 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8294 without contact. The Scout plat assisted in outposting Hwy 1 without incident. All units under 2-47 (M) Inf control conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. TF 3-5 Cav continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III and conducted S&D and security ops in zone. The Sqdn also secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and TOMCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 and Rte 2B without contact. B Trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and provided security of Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp conducted patrolling vic ZS1398 without contact. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS0598 with one find. The 2nd plat found 2 small punji pits, 2 huts, and a 150 lb rice grinding machine, which were destroyed, in the vic ZS133978. All elements under the control of 3-5 Cav conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and 2B. TF Binh Tuy continued to man OP's along Hwy 1 with the 36th Rngr Bn and began a 2 day opn in area from Ap Song Phan vic ZT012031. There was no contact in the TF Binh Tuy area today. The Engr cleared 240 acres today for a total of 2573 acres cleared to date. They have 25 plows operational and 2 deadlined, 4 dozers operational and 0 deadlined; 4 dozers were converted to plows today.

16 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf displaced CP to FS/PB TOMCAT and relieved 3-5 Cav and assumed responsibility for eastern portion of Bde AO. The Bn secured FS/PB TOMCAT and the Engr effort along Hwy 1 in zone. The Bn released OFCON B/3-5 Cav effective 160600H Dec 1967 to 3-5 Cav. The Bn released OFCON Scout Plat and 4.2 mortar plat OFCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT effective 160700H Dec 1967. The Bn also assumed OFCON A/2-47 (M) Inf from 3-5 Cav effective 160600H Dec 1967. A Co remained at FS/PB TOMCAT and secured that FS/PB and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. B Co displaced its CP to ZS047994 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. C Co displaced its CP to ZS142997 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The company also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Scout Plat became OFCON 1st Bde 160700H Dec 1967 and moved to and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The 3-5 Cav continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone until released by 2-47 (M) Inf and TF BINH TUY in place at 161333H Dec 1967. The Sqdn moved to a position east of FS/PB WILDCAT until 161600H Dec 1967 and then started road march to Bearcat via Hwy 1 and Hwy 15. 3-5 Cav was released OFCON to TF FORSYTH on closing Bearcat. TF BINH TUY continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde and relieved 2-47 (M) Inf in western portion of Bde AO. The TF secured Hwy 1 in zone and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. 35th Rngr Bn terminated S&D ops in AO VORBECK and relieved 3-5 Cav of security of FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The Bn also secured Hwy 1 in zone. 36th Rngr Bn secured Hwy 1 in zone and manned ARVN OP 1,2 & 4. The Bn also secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The I and R Company from TF BINH TUY conducted S&D ops vic ZS0797 with one contact and one find. The Co made contact with an estimated VC Co vic ZS078-973 resulting in 6 VC KIA and 2 ARVN WIA (dusted off). The Co also found 4 huts, one tunnel, and 15 bunkers in vic of contact. The Co captured one Chicom grenade. The VC broke contact and fled to the Sv. Arty supported the contact. An airstrike was called in on the bunkers, no BDA at this time. The 1st Bde assumed responsibility for AO around FS/PB WILDCAT and assumed OFCON Scout Plat 2-47 (M) Inf 160700H Dec 1967 for security of FS/PB WILDCAT. There was no contact in that AO today.

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17 Dec: Opn. SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from eastern boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout Plat of 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and CIVET. FS/PB CIVET loc is ZS141998. The Bn secured the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and bridge site in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 in zone without contact. B Co continued to occupy CP vic ZS047994 and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. Co C secured FS/PB CIVET and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted local patrolling vic ZT1300 and ZS1498 without contact. TF BINH TUY (ARVN) in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The TF also named ARVN OP's along Hwy 1 and secured Engr in their area of operation. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted and secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) secured Hwy 1 and bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 in zone without contact. The 15 Engr departed Bde AO 171400H with B Co and the bridge Co and closed Xuan Loc at 171625H. The Engr will move from Xuan Loc to Bearcat along Hwy 1 and Hwy 15 with security provided by 3-11 Cav. The convoy will move during the hours of darkness. The Engr cleared 276 acres today for a total to date of 3108. They have 25 Rome plows operational and 4 deadlined; 2 dozers operational and 0 deadlined.

18 Dec: Opn. SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from eastern boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and CIVET. The Bn secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone. The company conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS0797 with two finds. In the vic ZS077972, the Co found and destroyed two bunkers with G/H cover that were 16'x16'x5', and in the vic ZS061986, the Co found and destroyed two raised sleeping areas. The Co also found misc documents in the bunkers that were evacuated. B Co continued to occupy CP vic ZS047994 and secured bridge sites and Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS0396 and spotted 2 VC wearing grey uniforms and carrying weapons. The Co called in 81 mm mortars and a dismounted element swept in the area vic ZS039991 but failed to make contact. The patrol did find fresh blood trails. The Co reported a helicopter received S/A fire vic ZT038031. and Arty AO called fire into suspected VC position. A visual reconnaissance was made of the area and discovered 1 bunker and 20 m of trench had been destroyed. Co C secured FS/PB CIVET, which was displaced to ZT184015 today. The Co outposted Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. One of the Co outposts, vic ZT183008 received one round of sniper fire and a patrol was sent into area with neg contact. The Co detained two male civilians vic FS/PB CIVET and released as innocent civilians. TF BINH TUY, in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 36th Ranger Bn continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone. The Bn secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 without contact. The 35th Ranger Bn secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact.

19 Dec: The ELAST BRIGADE CP and FS/PB WILDCAT (YS615965) was secured by the Scout platoon, 2-47 (M) Inf. The 2-47 (M) Inf (-) continued to secure FS/PB TOMCAT and FS/PB CIVET; provided security for Engr elements clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 within the 2-47 AO; provided security outposts along critical bridge sites; provided security for the ARVN Vice President's inspection tour of Hwy 1; and reinforced TF Binh Tuy's (ARVN) outposts along the inspection route by establishing additional outposts. Co A 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT; secured bridge sites along Hwy 1 within the company AO; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company A 2-47 (M) Inf reported neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. Co B 2-47 (M) Inf continued to occupy CP/CP vic ZS047994, established and occupied addi-

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ional outposts along Hwy 1 within TF Binh Tuy's AO to provide security along the RVN Vice President's inspection route; conducted roadrunner ops and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. Co C 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, outposted the critical bridge sites within the company AO; provided security for the Engr elements clearing and upgrading Hwy 1; conducted night roadrunner and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with FIRST BRIGADE secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and the critical bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone. The 36th Ranger Bn (TF Binh Tuy) continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone by outposting bridge sites 1 through 6; conducted local patrolling and night ambushes with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. The 35th Ranger Bn secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; secured Hwy 1 in zone; conducted local patrols and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period.

20 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, and staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations and listening posts with negative contact. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994, secure bridge sites #7,8 & 9, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZS-080000, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. Company C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted patrolling vic ZS168998, roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. The daylight patrol found 2 bunkers 10'x4' w/2' overhead cover, a large cooking pot and a small amount of cooked rice. The area appeared to have been vacated recently. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn, (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZT001001, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact.

21 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations, listening posts and daylight patrolling (vic ZT195020), with neg contact. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994, secure bridge sites #7,8 & 9, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZS063998, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. The daylight patrol found two huts, water cans, water ladels, a saw, broom, a shovel, and two bunkers. The bunkers were new, 6'x12' w/o overhead cover. Company C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted patrolling vic ZS140938, roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn, (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZT001001, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact.

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22 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations, listening posts, with negative contact. Company B (-) displaced to vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, detaching one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47th in securing Engr effort east of FS/PB CIVET; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994. Co C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PL ALLYCAT; relieved Co B 2-47 (M) Inf at bridge site #7 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLYCAT, relieved Co B 2-47 (M) Inf at bridge site #7 and assumed the security of the bridge site and staged ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. The TF Binh Tuy P.R.U. element commenced S&D opn vic ZS073953 at 1800H.

23 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Co A provided one platoon of trucks to transport an element from TF Binh Tuy to a location vic YS9292 where they conducted a S/D operation. Company B (-) displaced to vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, detaching one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47th in securing Engr effort east of FS/PB CIVET; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company B continued to operate from FS/PB TOMCAT and detached one platoon to FS/PB CIVET to assist Co C 2-47 in providing security for the engr element working east of FS/PB CIVET. Co C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone, provided security for the engr element clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 east of FSB CIVET. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts, and conducted S/D opn vic of YS9192. The S/D opn was supported by two airstrikes vic YS917928 and vic of YS912-916. One ARVN soldier accidentally shot himself in the leg during the S/D opn. The ARVN soldier was medavac to 7th Surg. Hospital, Blackhorse at 1100H. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. P.R.U. element continued S&D opn vic ZS073953.

24 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Company B (-), with CP at FS/PB TOMCAT, detached one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47 which continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone, provided security for the engr element clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 east of FSB CIVET. A traffic control

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point was established at FS/PB TOMCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following are the results from the survey: traffic west to east; 4 Lambrettas, 6 motorcycles, 9 buses, traffic east to west; 17 trucks, 1 Lambretta, 25 motorcycles, 5 buses. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB WILDCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following data is the result of the survey: Traffic west to east: total 34 vehicles; traffic east to west: total 34 vehicles. Type traffic: trucks - 35, buses - 14, automobiles - 7, motorcycles - 9, tractors - 1, jeeps - 2. At 1240H C-2-47 apprehended 2 male personnel in foliage type uniform w/o I.D. cards. Individuals were evacuated to Blackhorse. At 1940H A/2-47 apprehended one male individual, while checking traffic, without I.D. Individual detained will be evacuated to Blackhorse on 25 Dec for further questioning. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. P.R.U. element closed at FS/PB at 241430H.

25 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight recon patrols were also conducted. Co A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Company B, with CP at FS/PB TOMCAT, continued to secure FS/PB TOMCAT, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. Co C 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, conduct daylight recon patrols, staged night ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB TOMCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following are the results from the survey: traffic west to east: 43 trucks, 4 Lambrettas, 42 motorcycles, 6 buses, traffic east to west: 26 trucks, 5 Lambrettas, 36 motorcycles, 7 buses. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB WILDCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following data is the result of the survey: traffic west to east: total 36 vehicles; traffic east to west: total 26 vehicles. Type traffic: trucks - 40, buses - 11, automobiles - 7, motorcycles - 4. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts.

26 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 in zone. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic ZT1201 without contact. B Co continued to secure bridge sites 8 & 9 and conducted roadrunners along Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also secured Engr clearing Rte 341 and conducted patrolling vic ZT-0803 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB CIVET and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner operations along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted local patrolling vic ZT2100. However, C Co detained 2 males at FS/PB CIVET and evacuated both to FS/PB WILDCAT for questioning. One was released to 36th Rngr Bn as one of their personnel and one was evacuated to Xuan Loc for further questioning. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE III. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT and conducted ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridges along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted ambush patrols and listening post without contact. The Engr cleared 208 acres today for a total to date of 5053. The Engr have 25 plows operational, 3 deadlined, 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined.

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The traffic control point at FS/FB WILDCAT reported 38 vehicles moving east today and 61 vehicles moving west. The breakdown: 60 trucks, 16 buses, 9 cars, 14 cycles. The traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported traffic moving from east to west as 8 trucks, 6 Lambrettas, 17 cycles, 20 buses and traveling from west to east as 58 trucks, 14 Lambrettas, 6 cars, and 7 cycles.

27 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat and 1st plat of C Co 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT, and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. B Co moved to and secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT. The Co continued to secure Hwy 1 and conduct roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and Engr clearing along Rte 341. The Co released one plat OFCON 1st Bde for extra security of FS/FB WILDCAT. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) was relieved of responsibility for security of FS/FB ALLEYCAT. The Bn continued to secure bridge site 7 and ARVN OP's 9 & 12. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling vic YS8497 without contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OP's 1,2 and 4 and secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 143 acres today for a total of 5196 to date. The Engr have 22 Rome plows operational, 5 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 89 eastbound vehicles and 29 westbound today for a total of 118. Traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported 99 eastbound vehicles and 45 westbound for a total of 144 vehicles.

28 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. At 1135H, vic ZS101992, ele found three (3) bunkers w/OHC, three (3) huts and two (2) anti-personnel mines. The bunkers and huts were destroyed and mines were evacuated. B Co secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and patrolled south on Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and Engr clearing along Rte 341 without incident. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. The 35th Ranger Bn continued security opn by securing bridge sites 7,8,9,10 & 11. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OP's 1,2 and 4 and secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 109 acres today for a total of 5305 to date. The Engr have 24 Rome plows operational and 0 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 102 eastbound vehicles and 39 westbound today for a total of 141. Traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported 118 eastbound vehicles and 79 westbound for a total of 197 vehicles.

29 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT with the Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. B Co secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and patrolled south on Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy

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(ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE III. The 35th Ranger Bn continued security opns by securing bridge sites 7,8,9,10 & 11 and OP's 9, 10 & 11. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OI's 1,2 & 4 and secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 140 acres today for a total of 5445 to date. The Engr have 23 romo plows operational, 1 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 87 eastbound vehicles and 56 westbound today for a total of 143. Traffic control point at FS/PB CIVET reported 23 eastbound vehicles and 49 westbound for a total of 137 vehicles.

30 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III until 301600H at which time the Bde CP and support elements of the Bde displaced to Bearcat. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III and displaced its CP from FS/PB TOMCAT to FS/PB COUGAR, along with B Btry, 1-11 Arty. A Company remained in vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opn along Hwy 1. B Company displaced to FS/PB COUGAR and secured A Company 86th Engrs displacing from FS/PB CIVET to FS/PB COUGAR and clearing jungle along Hwy 1 to the west and left one plat vic of old FS/PB PUMA for RRF and roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. C Company secured FS/PB COUGAR and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. Scout Plat remained OFCON 1st Bde and provided security for Bde CP and Arty elements moving to Bearcat. There was no contact in the SANTA FE AO today.

31 Dec: The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. A Co CP loc vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. B Co loc at FS/PB COUGAR secured romo plows clearing Hwy 1 west of FS/PB WILDCAT. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without contact. The Scout platoon remained at Bearcat and conducted maintenance. The Engr cleared 160 acres today for a total of 5,706 acres to date. The Engr have 20 plows operational and 4 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational and none deadlined.

1 Jan: The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. A Co CP loc vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. B Co loc at FS/PB COUGAR conducted patrolling vic YS732998 with negative contact. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without contact. The Scout platoon remained OFCON to 1st Bde at Bearcat and conducted maintenance. The 86th Engr conducted maintenance. No clearing opns were conducted in observance of the truce period. The Engr have 20 plows operational and 4 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational and none deadlined. Vehicle check point located at FS/PB COUGAR counted 111 vehicles (52 trucks, 15 cars, 12 buses, 15 Lambrettas, 12 motorcycles) eastbound and 84 vehicles (36 trucks, 7 cars, 10 buses, 13 Lambrettas, 18 motorcycles) westbound.

2 Jan: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf. Co A remained vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, conducted local patrolling, roadrunners acted as RRF, and departed on road movement back to Bearcat at 1400H. Co A will fall under OFCON of 4-29. Co B remained at FS/PB COUGAR and conducted ambush patrols, listening posts and roadrunner operations. Co C secured the 86th Engr romo plows working west of FS/PB COUGAR. Traffic control point at FS/PB COUGAR counted 117 vehicles eastbound and 80 westbound.

3 Jan: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-). Co A conducted motor march to Bearcat closing at 0400H without incident and became OFCON 4-39 Inf. B Co secured FS/PB COUGAR and romo plows clearing along Hwy 1, west of FS/PB WILDCAT. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, romo plows, and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. The scout plat remained at Bearcat. The romo plows cleared 156 acres today for a total of 6,442 acres. They have 21 plows operational and one (1) deadlined. They have 2 dozers operational and 0 deadlined.

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4 Jan: Operation SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-). Co B and C continued to conduct local patrolling, security around FS/PB COUGAR and escort the 86th Engr some plows working west of FS/PB COUGAR. Co A and Scout Platoon remained OPCON to 4-39 Inf at Bearcat. Vehicle check point at FS/PB COUGAR reported 99 vehicles eastbound, 64 vehicles westbound. The some plows cleared 166 acres today for a total of 6608 to date. All 19 plows and 2 dozers are operational.

5 Jan: Operation SANTA FE was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-) with local patrolling around FS/PB COUGAR. The 2-47's participation in Operation SANTA FE was terminated at 1525H when they crossed the SP starting the motor march to Bearcat. As of the closing time of this report, March Unit #1 is located at YT071131 and March Unit #2 at YT340101.

12. RESULTS:

a. Enemy Losses:

(1) Personnel: VC KIA (BC) 18
VC POW 0
Chieu Hoi 0
Detainees 0

(2) Equipment Captured:

(a) Weapons: 1 9mm, 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, 2 Chicom type 50's
(b) Ammo: 2 RFG rds, 3 hand grenades, 114 rds assorted SA ammo
(c) Foodstuffs: 200 lbs rice, 25 lbs beans
(d) Medical: 75 lbs assorted
(e) Communications: 2 PRC-25's, 2 TM-50's
(f) Documents: 1 map, 29 1/2 lbs assorted documents

(3) Items Destroyed: 352 bunkers, 450 lbs rice

b. Friendly Losses:

(1) Personnel:

(a) KIA 0
(b) DOW 0
(c) WIA 1
(d) MIA 0
(e) NB 10

13. ADMINISTRATION:

a. The administration planning of Operation SANTA FE proved to be sound and the logistical combat service support was effective throughout the operation. However, adjustments were necessary in the Class I, III and medical support areas for PHASE III of the operation. Palletized dry and canned vegetables were positioned at XUAN LOC (YT468084) to substitute for contingencies brought about by logistical convoys. Class III, 3 ten thousand gallon bladders, were positioned at FSE ILDCAT (YT817966) to expedite resupply of supported units and helicopters in support of the mission. Medical support from B Company 9th Medical Battalion was displaced from XUAN LOC to FSE ILDCAT in order to provide more effective service. The logistical base of support Class I-IV was

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established at XUAN LOC by a forward element of the 9th S & T Bn. Class V was also distributed from XUAN LOC out of the 1st Brigade's Class V Yard with the assistance of 1st Log Command and DAO personnel. Land LOC was Highway QL 1 to FSB WILDCAT (YT817966). Aerial resupply was utilized until 6 November 1967 when land LOC was established as the primary means of logistical resupply. The most significant detrimental factor during the operation was the long distance of the resupply route and its condition. These factors resulted in an abnormal requirement for maintenance and associated repair parts. The route continued to improve throughout the operation.

b. Supply

(1) Class I

(a) Class I point, 9th S&T Bn XUAN LOC issued during period of operation:

<u>"A" RATION</u>	<u>"B" RATION</u>	<u>"C" RATION</u>	<u>SUNDRY PACKS</u>
176,161	0	140,104	888
<u>POTABLE ICE (lb)</u>		<u>STERILIZED MILK (cans)</u>	
614,691		236,595	

(b) Units departed BEARCAT on a C Ration cycle.

(c) D + 1 units changed to A-C-A cycle.

(d) Shortages of Class I:

1. During this operation, meals issued were often incomplete, resulting in units changing their ration cycles in order to serve a complete meal. This was solved by locating pre-palletized rations for back-up purposes at XUAN LOC.

(e) Ice: Potable ice was received at the Class I supply point the night before issuing. 2/3rd's of the ice was stored in a Refer Van, the rest on a 2 1/2 Ton Truck this resulted in a loss due to melting. Units further trucked ice to Fb/FB WILDCAT resulting in a further loss of ice. Sandbags arranged in the bed of the trucks helped preserve 75% of the amount issued.

(2) Class II and IV

(a) Class II requisitions were submitted by rear detachments located at XUAN LOC and BEARCAT, they maintained land line and radio communications with forward locations.

(b) There were no critical shortages of these items during Operation SANTA FE.

(c) Class IV

1. Barrier Material issued during this operation:

<u>ENG SPARES</u>	<u>SAND BAGS</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>STRAIGHT (B) WIRE</u>
3,200	350,200	240 rolls	56 rolls

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BOARD FUEL LUMBER

27,400

(3) Class III and IIIA

(a) Class III dispensing points at XUAN LOC and FS/PB
WILDCAT issued the following quantities during the operation:

<u>MOGAS</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>OILS & LUBC</u>
327,267	326,416	6,055	245,000	4,555 gals.

(b) Class III was delivered to the forward areas by 5000 gallon tanker trucks, 500 gallon collapsible bladders, 55 gallon drums and 5 gallon fuel cans.

(4) Class V

(a) Class V was issued from ASP located at XUAN LOC (T471095).

(b) No critical shortages of Class V occurred at any time during the operation.

(c) Units remained within the limits of the 9th Division ASR during the operation.

(d) Ammunition expenditures by type and quantity follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
5.56mm ball	46,000
5.56mm tracer	42,560
7.62mm ball	77,560
7.62mm link tracer	40,000
7.62mm 1500 M16A-1 (minnie gun)	9,000
50 cal 4/1 M16	80,000
40mm M79GL, HE	6,000
40mm Fixed M41A-1 (for gun)	3,710
81mm HE	7,756
81mm ILL	198
81mm WP	1,061
90mm Canister	256
90mm HE	30
105mm HE	35,987
105mm ILL	1,571
105mm Smoke WP	2,662

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
4.2" Mortar HE	8,000
4.2" Mortar Ill	206
4.2" Mortar WP	2,186
155mm HE	7,920
155mm Ill	530
155mm WP	896
Grenade Hand Frag	2,146
Grenade Hand Smk	3,022
Thickner Oil 100lb Drum	18
Trip Flare Surf 495	2,900
Chg Dem Block Comp 4	3,210
Demo Block TNT 1&1/2 lb	70,450
Dynamite Military	7,600
Sig Illum White	348
Cap Blast Elec	1,248
Cap Blast NonElec	19,200
Cord Det Ft	211,200 ft
Igniter Fuze Ft	300 ft
Fuze Time Blasting Ft	57,500 ft
Mine Claymores APERS	710
TOTAL CLASS V EXPENDED TONS	3,553

c. Maintenance:

Company "C", 709th Maint Bn and HQ & A, 709th Maint Bn received the following job orders in direct support of all battalions and separate companies:

<u>WHEEL</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>SMALL ARMS</u>	<u>CHEMICAL</u>	<u>FUEL/ELECTRIC</u>
67	33	257	16	0	3
<u>ENGINEER</u>	<u>INSTRUMENT</u>				
41	8				

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d. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization

- (1) Patient categories handled by Co "B", 9th Med Bn were as follows:

<u>IRHA</u>	<u>IRHA</u>	<u>NBI</u>	<u>DIS</u>	<u>EVAC</u>	<u>ADMITTED</u>	<u>DUSTOFF</u>
0	6(ARVN)	291	709	135	38	*40

* Seen & coordinated

- (2) Dustoff procedures and medical evacuation of slightly wounded personnel was deemed fully adequate.

e. Transportation

- (1) Transportation requirements totaled 18 2½ Ton Trucks utilized by HHG, 1st Bde. All requests were forwarded to the DTO, 9th DISCOM.

- (2) Army Aviation Helicopters were utilized to airlift classes of supply I-V from the Brigade Trains location at XUAN LOC and FS/FB WILDCAT to forward areas as follows:

	<u>UH1D</u>	<u>CH-47</u>
No Sorties	412	340
Total Wt	494,400 lbs	2,550,000 lbs

- (3) Their were difficulties noted during the operation in that one aircraft was deemed inadequate for aerial resupply and contingency missions.

f. Services:

- (1) Water:

(a) Erderlators were placed at XUAN LOC, FSB WILDCAT, and for Phase III FSB PUMA (YT395990) because of the long distance involved, approximately 115 KM to the most distant resupply point. During the final phase of SANTA FE it was necessary to displace the water point located at FSB PUMA (895990) to FSB CONGAM (735000). These erderlators purified a total of 317,140 gallons potable water.

(b) Non-potable water sources in forward areas were purified on an individual basis by use of iodine chlorine tablets.

(c) Metal and plastic five gallon containers were utilized during the operation.

- (2) Graves Registration:

(a) The Co "A", 9th S&T Bn Graves Registration Section was initially located at XUAN LOC and was later moved up to FSB WILDCAT along with the medical section to provide better service.

(b) The Graves Registration Section processed 0 U.S. remains.

- (3) Bath

(a) There were two bath sections in operation during the operation provided and operated by CO "A" 9th S&T Bn. They were located at XUAN LOC and FSB WILDCAT, combined they bathed 156,000 personnel during the period of the operation.

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(4) Laundry

(a) A laundry facility was established at the Bde Trains area located at XUAN LOC by the 483rd Fld Service Co. This unit provided laundry service for all units located in the field on this operation.

(b) There was a total of 2,063 bundles of laundry washed.

(c) Some personnel used individual laundering of clothing.

14. CIVIC ACTIONS: There was no civic action program conducted on operation SANTA FE. A limited program was continued in AO RILEY by the First Brigade rear detachment.

15. COMMANDERS EVALUATION: Operation SANTA FE was an overall success although it failed to locate, fix and destroy the 5th VC Division. However, many of their base locations and lines of communication were found and destroyed. Constant saturation patrolling and artillery harassment and interdiction fires succeeded in fragmenting those small elements left in the Brigade AO. Jungle clearing south of Highway 1 on Route 331 provided the widened trails and mutually supporting FS/PB's necessary for future airborne or surface assaults. The highpoint of the operation was the security and upgrading operations along Highways 1 and 2B. These major routes of communication and commerce had not been used since 1962 due to the destruction of most of the eleven bridge sites in the 1st Brigade AO. During the latter phase of operation SANTA FE one-hundred meters of jungle on both sides of Highways #1 and 2B were cleared and burned for a distance of 81 kilometers. All bridges were upgraded to sustain civilian traffic and the road surface was improved. Following the visit of Vice-President Ky on 19 December for the official opening of the highway, the flow of civilian traffic mounted to 175-200 assorted vehicles daily. The population center of XUAN LOC in the west was again connected with PHAN THIET, HAM TAN and TAM TAN in the east--thus connecting SAIGON with PHAN THIET on the China sea coast. Relocation of families and the reestablishment of commerce took place concurrently with the return of this area to the control of the GVN. This operation proved that the rejuvenating of commerce, return of areas to governmental control and upgrading of public facilities are as much a part of the stability operations in Vietnam as a direct confrontation with a large enemy force. Operation SANTA FE evolved into a monumental engineering effort taxing the leadership, ingenuity, morale and alertness of the First Brigade. However, the officers and men met the challenge in every respect. The accomplishments of the operation contributed much to the overall war effort.

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